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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1681 (2006) of 31 May 2006,

Recalling its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 59/303 of 22 June 2005,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

[1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of

[1] A/60/615 and A/60/636 and Corr.1.
[2] A/60/790.

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General Assembly resolution 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and resolution 60/___ of _____, as well as other relevant resolutions,]

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 30 April 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 29.0 million United States dollars, representing some 2.6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only eighteen Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses* concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Recalls* its request as contained in section XIV, paragraph 4, of resolution 59/296;

11. *Decides* to finance resources for conduct and discipline capacity equivalent to 622,300 dollars under general temporary assistance;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 and 60/___;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the

Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea the amount of _____ dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, inclusive of 174,679,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of _____ dollars for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2006, and, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission, to apportion the amount of _____ dollars for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

18. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of _____ dollars for the period from 1 July to 30 September 2006, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of _____ dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of _____ dollars approved for the support account, and the prorated share of _____ dollars approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of _____ dollars for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2006, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of _____ dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of _____ dollars approved for the support account and the prorated share of _____ dollars approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 32,154,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

[3] A/60/615.

20. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 32,154,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Decides further* that the decrease of 556,500 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 32,154,200 dollars referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in peacekeeping operations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

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Agenda item 136
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004 and 59/287 of 13 April 2005, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations,[1] the note by the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recognizing the importance for the United Nations to be able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the note by the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the

[1] A/60/681 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/60/727.
[2] A/60/898.
[3] A/60/807 and A/60/900.

support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[2]

2. *Reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

3. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/____ of ____ June 2006 as well as other relevant resolutions;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Decides* to establish the following posts:

(a) Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti team in the Office of Operations of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

(b) Policy Coordinator (P-4) in the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(c) Secretariat Services Officer (P-3) in the Fifth Committee secretariat;

(d) Information/communications expert (P-3) in support of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in Addis Ababa;

(e) Administration/finance analyst (P-3) in support of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in Addis Ababa;

7. *Also decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Chief of the Integrated Training Service (D-1) in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and requests the Secretary-General to evaluate the functioning of this post and to report thereon within the context of the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

8. *Further decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Chief of the Transport and Movement Service (D-1) of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to be funded from the abolishment of one existing P-4 post, with the balance of the requirements to be funded from within the approved level of the support account for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

9. *Decides* to approve the establishment of the post of Environmental Engineer (P-3) in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify the requirement for this post in the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

10. *Decides* not to approve the post of Security Coordinator Officer (P-4) in the Department of Safety and Security and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify the requirement for this post in the support account budget for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

11. *Decides* to approve an amount of 23,265,700 United States dollars in general temporary assistance and an amount of 4,417,900 United States dollars in non-post resources in the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 in respect of the African Peacekeeping Capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Procurement Service, the Headquarters Committee on Contracts in the Department of Management of the Secretariat, procurement-related functions in the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat and in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and conduct and discipline capacity in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

12. *Decides* not to approve an amount of $154,200 under consultancy;

13. *Notes* the request of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] and requests the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the evolution of the support account, on the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee[5] and in close consultation with the Office of Internal Oversight Services bearing in mind section IV, paragraph 5, of General Assembly resolution 59/296, and to share the analysis with the Board of Auditors, and to report thereon to the Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session within the context of his next budget proposal for the support account;

14. *Reaffirms* section VIII of General Assembly resolution 53/221 of 7 April 1999, section IX of resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, section V of resolution 57/305 of 15 April 2003 and section XI of resolution 59/266 of 23 December 2004;

15. *Notes with concern* that the financial provision for consultants has steadily increased in recent years despite the parallel provision of additional posts for the support account, while bearing in mind that the provisions were needed, inter alia, to enhance the quality of work, management efficiencies and skills of staff;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when proposing resources for consultancies in subsequent support account budgets, to include a trend-analysis comparing the requested level of resources with the approved resource levels in the previous five financial years and to provide supplementary information with full justification for all consultancies including, inter alia, information on why the expertise is not available within the organization;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services the task of refining the methodology for allocating resident auditors, taking also into account the risks and complexity of the operation of individual peacekeeping operations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

18. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, within the appropriate context, on the efforts made in support of African Union capacity-building, taking into account the functions and

[4] See A/60/807.

[5] See A/59/784.

contributions to be provided by the United Nations, its funds, programmes and agencies and all external partners, including on the efforts made to avoid duplication and overlaps;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate, at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, on the relationship between the Senior Review Group[6] and the proposed senior leadership review group in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations within the context of human resources management;

20. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

21. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions and the relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

Financial performance report for the financial period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

22. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;[7]

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

23. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 183,187,000 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, including seven hundred thirty-four continuing and fifty-six new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

24. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance of 3,584,800 dollars and other income of 2,121,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(b) The amount of 15,804,000 dollars in excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

(c) The balance of 161,676,300 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

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[6] See Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2005/4 for the terms of reference of the Group.

[7] A/60/681 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

(d) The net estimated staff assessment income of 18,186,100 dollars, comprising the amount of 18,804,200 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and the decrease of 618,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (c) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

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Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council,[1] as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Reaffirms* the relevant provisions of section I of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Approves* the budgets of $59,647,600 gross ($54,744,100 net) for the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan for the period from 1 April to 31 December 2006, $18,971,400 gross ($17,020,000 net) for the International Independent Investigation Commission for the period from 16 June to 31 December 2006 and $5,776,200 gross ($5,253,500 net) for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste for the period from 21 June to 31 August 2006;

5. *Takes note* of the unencumbered balances in the amounts already appropriated for the three missions totalling $6,043,400;

6. *Decides* to approve a charge of $51,908,500, corresponding to the unassigned balance against the provision for special political missions, appropriated

[1] A/60/585/Add.3 and Add.4.
[2] A/60/7/Add.39 and Add.41.

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under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of $19,065,700 under section 3, Political affairs, and $7,377,600 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.